



Town of Agawam
Supplemental Town Report
and Report

of the

FINANCE COMMITTEE

for the 1955


ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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Report of the Finance Committee

The most important advantage of Town Meeting government is that the residents, and not an elected or appointed group, determine both the type and maximum cost of the year's operations. Under this program the Finance Committee serves in an advisory capacity. The Town Meeting, if it so desires, can disagree with the Committee's philosophy and recommendations.

In preparing our 1955 recommendations, one basic principle had to be resolved. **Should the Town continue to provide the services people seem to want and whittle away at the backlog of neglected sewer projects regardless of the tax rate or should only the minimum basic services be provided and all projects be deferred?**

There is no happy solution. More people mean more garbage and rubbish. This means more cost or more infrequent collections. More people and more houses mean more Town employees to continue even the same services. For example, if the Town felt 15 policemen were necessary with 11,000 people, can they expect the same protection for 13,000 people and 600 new houses without more men? More people mean more streets, more street lighting, more sewers, more schools. Unless we continue to complete some of these projects, it means more projects overdue.

The choice can be quickly stated but the decision should not be quickly reached. In the previous paragraph the word "more" appears fourteen times, but which "more" can be eliminated and leave an honest statement of fact? The Finance Committee feels that the residents do not desire to curtail services. We also feel that the backlog of sewers and streets can not be allowed to increase for that future date that never seems to come. On this basis, we submit our recommendations on the Town Budget (Article 15) and the other Articles in the Warrant.

To you, the residents, we leave the final decision. Settle the basic issue in your own mind. If you prefer a lower tax rate with less service, and a greater backlog of uncompleted sewers, you should oppose many Articles recommended in the Warrant and several of the increased items in the Town Budget. If you believe that the quality of service should be maintained for the increasing number of people, we urge you to follow the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

TOWN BUDGET

The 1954 budget was \$1,238,461. The 1955 recommended budget is \$1,552,487, an increase of \$314,026. School costs, much of it related to the new high school, account for approximately \$229,000 of the increase. To assist in analyzing the other \$85,000 increase in the Town Budget, all Departments with a 10% or \$3,000 increase are listed below:

Dept.	\$ Inc.	% Inc.	Reason (other than step raise)
Police	\$13,826	18	3 add'l men—car exp.
Water	11,200	12	Meters and water
Highway	9,896	10	2 add'l men—Rubbish
Health	9,185	45	2 ad'l. garb. men; hosp.
Welfare	8,400	9	Aid
Fire	5,837	10	Chief—Repairs, Sirens
St. Lights	5,000	18	More Streets & Houses
Clerk — Treas.	3,835	45	Sal. Adj. — Clerical
Forestry	3,275	46	More work & planting
Sewers	3,100	15	Add'l labor & pipe
Bldg. Insp.	2,900	145	Full time Inspector
Engineering	2,670	21	Add'l. man
Collector	2,233	23	Sal. Inc., clerical, prtg.
Assessors	1,491	13	Sal. Inc., add'l clerical
Civil Def.	975	45	Sirens & Radios
Accounting	779	17	Add'l Clerical
Elec. Insp.	500	36	Sal. Inc.
Law	500	13	Sal. Inc.
Library	150	13	Sal. Inc.
Appeals Bd.	100	18	Poss. Inc. in work

In adopting the Bylaw requiring all fees going into the Town Treasury, the voters requested us to recommend a salary for the Town Clerk based on the average salary and fees received during 1953 and 1954. Increases recommended for other officials are based on increased time required or relation to other positions. Salary increases to Town employees are controlled by the Personnel Board.

In addition to the Fire Chief and Building Inspector classifications previously approved by the Town, 8 new full-time employees are included in the Town Budget:

- 1 engineer
- 2 for highway
- 2 for garbage collection
- 3 policemen

VALUATION AND TAX RATE ESTIMATES

To estimate the 1955 tax rate, we have used as high income estimates as the Assessors and the Committee believe the State authorities would approve.

To eliminate misunderstanding as to use of Excess and Deficiency funds, we propose that all expenditures be appropriations and one total sum transfer be made to reduce the tax rate. This should eliminate any thinking that an Article involving a transfer is favored over an Article involving an appropriation. The Excess and Deficiency Account is simply our savings account. After all appropriations are made, we suggest that the voters decide how much we need to keep in savings and then transfer the balance.

In 1954 43,640 of the remaining surplus was used at special Town Meetings. We may this year be faced with additional expenditures, if pending land taking suits are settled. Ample funds must be retained for such accrued liabilities and other emergencies. We recommend again the transfer of all but \$100,000 of the presently accumulated funds available for use by the Town.

The tax rate is determined by the appropriations and assessed valuation, and unfortunately it is impossible for the official total valuation to be available at this time. The Assessors are not now in a position to predict an increase greater than last year's increase of \$1,100,000. Many in the Town feel the final result may be near 2 million dollars. With little knowledge of, and no control over the valuation, our estimate of \$1,600,000 is purely a guess. It can be noted, however, that if the recommendations of the Finance Committee on appropriations are followed and the State approves the estimated receipts as recommended by the Assessors (Schedule C) the tax rate for 1955 will be in excess of \$60 regardless of the assessed valuations.

Increase in Assessment	Tax Rate
\$2,000,000	61.00
1,600,000	62.00
1,100,000	63.75

STATEMENT OF EXCESS & DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT
(Available Surplus Funds)

January 1, 1954	\$329,378.00
Less uncollected taxes	57,016.78

Balance available for town use	\$272,361.22
1954 Transfers:	
To reduce 1954 tax rate	\$ 8,000.00
Annual meeting transfers	163,950.00
Special meeting transfers	43,640.05
Tax title adjustments	941.70
Auditor's Adjustment	171.36

	\$216,703.11

Available balance carried into 1955	\$ 55,658.11
January 1, 1955 Balance (carryover and 1954 receipts)	\$320,357.50
Less uncollected taxes	61,084.74

Balance available for town use	\$259,272.76
Recommended transfers for reduc- tion of tax rate	159,000.00

Balance for future use based on recommendations	\$100,272.76

The Excess and Deficiency Account is an accumulation of unexpended balances from various departments and appropriations (except those specifically set aside) not used during the year, and previous years, plus receipts in excess of amount used for tax rate and tax title revenue.

SCHEDULE A

UNDERESTIMATES OF 1954 TO BE RAISED

State Parks and Reservations	\$ 196.05
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SCHEDULE B
 1955 COUNTY AND STATE ASSESSMENTS
 AND 1955 OVERLAY (Estimates)

County Tax	\$ 23,162.00
County Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	1,790.96
State Parks and Reservations	1,819.48
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,447.03
	\$ 28,219.47
Overlay	52,000.00
	\$ 80,219.47

The Overlay Account is a sum of money set aside by the Town to take care of any and all abatements the Assessors might make.

SCHEDULE C
 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR YEAR 1955

School Aid (Chapter 70)	\$ 89,547.65
School (Funds from Income Tax not included)	10,000.00
State Assistance for School Construction, Chapter 645 Acts of 1948	15,500.00
Reimbursement on Acc't of Publicly Owned Land	8,033.11
Income Tax	22,354.48
Business Corporation Tax	41,381.57
Old Age Tax (Meals)	1,851.21
Motor Vehicle Excise	113,000.00
Licenses and Permits	12,000.00
Court Fines	900.00
General Government (Rents Included)	5,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property	400.00
Health and Sanitation	10,000.00
Charities (other than Federal Grants for Aid to Dependent Children	11,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants) ..	31,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,000.00
Libraries	100.00
Public Service Enterprise (Water Department)	77,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	1,500.00
In Lieu of Taxes	2,000.00
Dog Licenses	1,800.00

Special Assessments	13,000.00
Housing	500.00
County Return from 1954	1,160.10
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	\$471,028.12

ESTIMATED TAX RATE

Budget (Article 15)		\$1,552,487.00
Special Articles		291,603.23
Schedule A		196.05
Schedule B		80,219.47
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		1,924,505.75
Schedule C	\$471,028.12	
Poll Tax	8,000.00	
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Total Receipts		479,028.12
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Total Expenditures Less Receipts ..		1,445,477.63
Available Funds to be us'd to reduce the tax rate		159,000
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Total to be raised by taxation		\$1,286,477.63
Valuation of 1955 (Estimated) Personal & Real Estate		\$20,700,000

ESTIMATED TAX RATE FOR 1955

$$\frac{\text{Amount to be Raised } \$1,286,477.63}{\text{Valuation — } \$20,700,000.00} \} \$62.00 \text{ per M}$$

	Tax Rate	Valuation	Bonded Indebtedness
1954	\$51.00	\$19,117,245	\$2,659,000*
1953	45.00	18,026,245	599,000
1952	45.00	16,604,831	639,000
1951	45.00	15,207,665	389,000
1950	41.00	14,089,600	419,000
1949	39.00	13,224,375	429,000
1948	37.00	11,514,325	50,000
1947	37.00	10,469,475	70,000
1946	36.60	9,846,535	92,000
1945	32.00	9,636,475	114,000

* Includes \$2,275,000 outside Bond Limit.

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF DEPARTMENT COSTS
AND RECOMMENDED FOR 1955

	E x p e n d e d					Recom- mended
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Accounting	\$ 2,702	\$ 3,621	\$ 3,929	\$ 4,079	\$ 4,462	\$ 5,309
Assessors	6,543	8,170	8,258	9,771	10,901	12,849
Board of Appeals	437	616	497	539	246	650
Building Inspector ..	1,524	1,890	1,894	1,992	2,119	4,900
Cemeteries	320	425	1,406	1,701	1,216	1,216
Civil Defense	360	3,998	2,471	1,035	5,941	3,150
Clerk	2,012	3,017	3,164	3,343	3,518	
Collector	6,789	7,741	8,379	8,781	9,598	11,744
Debt & Interest	38,041	37,505	29,530	51,510	74,395	201,099
Elect'n & Regist'n.	3,619	2,032	4,452	2,459	4,973	3,115
Engineering Dept. ..	5,706	8,415	10,109	10,429	11,988	15,175
Electrical Inspector	500	791	988	1,110	1,269	1,900
Fire Dept.	29,523	38,223	40,489	42,522	70,021	66,735
Fire Warden	455	476	562	588	674	675
Forest'y Tree W'rd'n	3,754	4,825	6,023	5,322	7,075	10,375
Gypsy Moth	424	255	500	500	330	500
Health	8,240	8,436	8,347	17,096	18,334	29,422
Highway Dept.	56,901	68,930	78,496	84,168	89,561	111,560
Law	1,215	1,902	3,384	3,966	2,436	4,500
Libraries	974	983	1,122	1,127	1,220	1,350
Miscellaneous	2,127	3,529	2,847	3,429	2,934	3,325
Nurse	7,121	7,505	8,045	7,836	8,741	9,089
Parks & Playgrounds	3,476	2,741	3,675	3,748	5,961	6,607
Planning Board	719	919	59	52	155	400
Plumbing Inspector ..	2,590	2,789	2,941	2,462	3,306	2,525
Police Department ..	38,097	48,661	57,863	66,099	76,636	88,775
Schools	316,118	355,760	420,144	468,196	554,583	649,736
Sealer W'ghts. Meas.	1,455	1,346	1,580	1,616	1,933	2,150
Selectmen	3,125	3,713	5,324	5,942	6,836	7,052
Sewers Surf. Drain ..	11,542	13,955	17,824	22,432	20,409	23,575
Street Lighting	14,780	18,346	19,834	22,966	26,116	33,000
Town Buildings	7,687	8,475	11,014	12,581	12,656	13,046
Treasurer	3,842	3,258	4,414	4,233	5,819	
Veterans	10,139	8,523	9,732	10,371	11,430	12,264
Water Dept.	74,852	91,538	94,936	103,867	105,411	105,360
Welfare	76,781	73,219	85,904	88,766	90,186	97,000
Town Cl'k. & Treas.						12,359

ANALYSIS OF COSTS
OF PROPOSED SERVICES FOR 1955

**Relation Between Budget and Total Appropriations
Based on Recommended Articles and Related Expenses**

	Type of Service	Town Budget	Budg. & Spec. Articles	Budget	Total Approp.
1.	General Gov't	\$ 73,749†	\$104,786	4.8	5.7
2.	Protection	172,360	176,212	11.1	9.6
3.	Health & Sanitat'n	62,086	152,286	4.0	8.3
4.	Highway & Rub'sh	111,560	258,535	7.2	14.0
5.	Schools	850,835††	865,910	54.8	46.9
6.	Water	105,360	107,260	6.8	5.8
7.	Charities	97,000	97,000	6.2	5.2
8.	Engineering	15,175	15,175	1.0	0.8
9.	Building Insp.	9,325	9,325	0.6	0.5
10.	Veterans	12,264	12,264	0.8	0.6
11.	Libraries	1,350	1,350	0.1	0.1
12.	Parks & Playgr'nds	6,607	6,607	0.4	0.4
13.	Miscellaneous	600	3,264		0.2
	Cemeteries	1,216	1,216	0.1	0.1
	Street Lighting	33,000	33,000	2.1	1.8
		\$1,552,487	\$1,844,090	100%	100%

†Adjusted to include Board and Town Report expense.

††Adjusted to include School Bond Expense.

Sanitary Sewers shown in Health and Sanitation and Storm Sewers in Highway adjusted totals.

School reimbursement estimated at approximately \$115,000, Chapter 90 reimbursement, Water income, and Betterment Assessments are not anticipated in the above table.

1954 RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Schools	\$ 3,243.90
New Fire Truck	2,000.00
Water Contract	1,983.42
Welfare	1,710.00
Treasurer	1,069.47
Chapter 90 Maintenance	400.00
Administration Bldg.	308.80
Civil Defense	300.00
Collector	300.00
Insurance on Town Vehicles	223.54
Plumbing Inspector	202.50
Police	199.98
Selectmen	184.00
Plumbing Code	183.90
Pierce School Playground	109.56
Election and Registration	19.00
Fire Warden	6.40
Veterans	5.88
Total Transfers	
	\$12,450.35
Balance to Overlay Surplus	
	7,549.65
\$20,000.00	



Term Expires

Arthur W. Johnson, Chairman	1956
Benjamin S. Bassani, Secretary	1955
Phil. V. Hembdt	1955
Hollis F. Kane	1956
Beatrice M. Barker	1957
Francis M. Webler	1957

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Agawam in
said County. Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the auditorium of the High School Building on Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1955, at 1 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose two or more Fence Viewers and two or more Field Drivers.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 3. To see what method the Town will adopt for the support of Public Welfare for the ensuing year. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper observance of Memorial Day, details of which are to be handled by the Board of Selectmen in cooperation with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. Recommend that the sum of \$450 be raised and appropriated for the proper observance of Memorial Day and that the sum be expended under the direction of Wilson-Thompson Post #185, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #1632.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the payment of a proper charge of an Insurance Company for acting as Surety on the official bond of its officers. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 5. Recommend that the sum of \$685.50 be raised and appropriated for the payment of the proper charge of an Insurance Company for acting as surety on the official bond of its officers.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Liability Insurance of its employees. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. Recommend that the sum of \$6,300. be raised and appropriated for the Liability Insurance of its employees.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for enforcement of the Dog Law. Pass any vote or take any action thereto.

Article 7. Recommend that the sum of \$200. be raised and appropriated for the enforcement of the Dog Law.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8. Recommend that the sum of \$20,000. be transferred from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for insurance of Town Vehicles. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. Recommend that the sum of \$3,200. be raised and appropriated for the Insurance of Town Vehicles.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the Town of Agawam by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Laws of the Commonwealth. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. Recommend that the sum of \$150. be raised and appropriated to be expended in the Town of Agawam by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Contributory Retirement System of the Town. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. Recommend that the sum of \$20,641.66 be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System of the Town.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Foreclosure of Tax Titles. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. Recommend that the sum of \$200 be raised and appropriated for Foreclosure of Tax Titles.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensations of all elective officers of the Town as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, effective from January 1, 1955. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. Recommend that the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, effective from January 1, 1955, be set as detailed in the Finance Committee report under Article 15.

Article 15. To make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year.

	1954 Expended	1955 Recom- mended
I. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
LEGISLATIVE:		
1. Salary — Moderator	\$ 25.	\$ 25.
Total	25.	25.
SELECTMEN:		
2. Salaries:		
Chairman	1,100.	1,100.
Second Member	1,000.	1,000.
Third Member	1,000.	1,000.
3. Clerk	2,709.	2,767.
4. Out of State Travel		225.
5. All Other	1,026	960.
Total	6,835.	7,052

	1954 Expended	1955 Recom- mended
ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT:		
6. Salary	4,150.	4,379.
7. Clerical		500.
8. All Other	312.	430.
9. Out of State Travel		
Total	4,462.	5,309.
TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER:		
10. Salary	3,406.	6,200.
11. Assistant Clerk and Treasurer	3,120.	3,292.
12. Clerical		800.
13. All Other	2,871.	2,067.
Total	9,397.	12,359.
COLLECTOR:		
14. Salary	4,211.	4,472.
15. Assistant Collector	3,120.	3,292.
16. Clerical	207.	1,000.
17. All Other	2,052.	2,980.
Total	9,590.	11,744.
ASSESSORS:		
18. Salaries:		
Chairman	1,620.	1,800.
Second Member	1,320.	1,500.
Third Member	840.	1,155.
19. Assistant Assessor	3,120.	3,292.
20. Clerk	2,378.	2,652.
21. Part time Clerical		600.
22. All Other	1,623.	1,850.
Total	10,901.	12,849.
LAW:		
23. Salaries:		
Town Counsel	1,500.	2,000.
Town Prosecutor	500.	500.
24. Appraisals		700.
25. All Other	436.	800.
26. Damage to Persons & Property		500.
Total	2,436.	4,500.

	1954 Expended	1955 Recom- mended
ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:		
27. Salaries:		
Registrars	1,200.	1,200.
Election Officers	2,133.	860.
28. All Other	1,640.	1,055.
Total	4,973.	3,115.
TOWN BUILDINGS:		
Administration Building:		
29. Janitor	3,463.	3,464.
30. Clerk	2,434.	2,652.
31. Fuel, Light, Telephone	4,269.	4,500.
32. Curbing		275.
33. All Other	1,880.	1,502.
Other Town Buildings:		
34. All Other	485.	653.
Total	12,531.	13,046.
Total General Government ..	61,150. (4.9%)	69,999. (4.5%)

II. PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:		
35. Salaries	66,817.	77,175.
36. Uniforms	673.	1,200.
37. Safety Officer Program		250.
38. Out of State Travel	4.	100.
39. All Other	7,302.	10,050.
Total	74,796.	88,775.
FIRE DEPARTMENT:		
40. Salaries — Commissioners	250.	100.
41. Salary — Chief		3,450.
42. Permanent Firemen	47,666.	50,360.
43. Volunteers	3,922.	4,000.
44. Hose	1,423.	1,500.
45. Uniforms	597.	240.
46. All Other	5,413.	7,085.
Total	59,271.	66,735.

	1954 Expended	1955 Recom- mended
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:		
47. Salary	1,350.	1,500.
48. All Other	583.	650.
Total	1,933.	2,150.
TREE WARDEN:		
49. Salary	825.	825.
50. Labor	2,400.	3,500.
51. Equipment Rentals	1,000.	1,500.
52. Spraying	1,325.	1,500.
53. Removal of Dutch Elm Infected Trees on Town Property	500.	1,000.
54. Tree Planting	1,000.	2,000.
55. All Other	25.	50.
Total	7,075.	10,375.
GYPSY MOTH CONTROL:		
56. All Other	330.	500.
Total	330.	500.
FIRE WARDEN:		
57. Labor	200.	200.
58. Fire Permits	156.	150.
59. Equipment	200.	200.
60. Truck	100.	100.
61. All Other	18.	25.
Total	674.	675.
CIVIL DEFENSE:		
62. Clerical	520.	520.
63. ½ Cost New Radios	675.	900.
64. Out of State Travel	300.	300.
65. Oil Other	4,446.	1,430.
Total	5,941.	3,150.
Total Prot. Persons & Prop.	150,020. (12.1%)	172,360. (11.1%)

	1954 Expended	1955 Recom- mended
III. HEALTH AND SANITATION:		
66. Health Agent	5,140.	5,369.
67. Inspections:		
Animal	300.	300.
Slaughter	807.	888.
68. Vital Statistics		15.
69. Garbage Collection: Wages	8,938.	15,000.
Truck Expense		1,000.
70. Hospitals and Other	3,149.	6,850.
Total	<u>18,334.</u>	<u>29,422.</u>
TOWN NURSE:		
71. Salaries	6,699.	7,049.
72. All Other	2,042.	2,040.
Total	<u>8,741.</u>	<u>9,089.</u>
SEWER AND SURFACE DRAINAGE:		
73. All Other	20,409.	23,575.
Total	<u>20,409.</u>	<u>23,575.</u>
Total Health and Sanitation	47,484.	62,086.
	(3.8%)	(4.0%)
IV. HIGHWAYS:		
74. Salary — Superintendent	5,523.	5,752.
75. Clerk	2,241.	2,538.
76. Maintenance	24,574.	30,050.
77. Maintenance Oiling	16,598.	18,500.
78. Sidewalk Maintenance	4,493.	1,000.
79. Snow Removal	9,157.	11,000.
80. Road Machinery Account	8,502.	10,500.
81. New Oiling	17,809.	21,120.
82. Highway Repairs—Water Dept.	1,782.	2,000.
83. Rubbish Collection	6,626.	9,100.
Total	<u>97,305.</u>	<u>111,560.</u>
	(7.8%)	(7.2%)

	1954 Expended	1955 Recom- mended
V. SCHOOLS:		
84. School Budget	553,915.	649,386.
85. Out of State Travel	246.	350.
Total	554,161. (44.7%)	649,736. (41.9%)
VI. WATER DEPARTMENT:		
86. Salaries — Commissioners	381.	381.
87. Superintendent	4,379.	4,379.
88. Clerk	572.	650.
89. Contract, Water Consumption ..	31,983.	35,000.
90. New Construction	15,463.	15,500.
91. All Other	44,719.	49,450.
Total	97,497. (7.8%)	105,360. (6.8%)
VII. CHARITIES:		
GENERAL RELIEF:		
92. Salaries	1,200.	1,200.
93. Relief	24,430.	23,000.
94. 1953 Relief Bills	432.	
95. All Other	302.	500.
Total	26,364.	24,700.
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE:		
96. Relief	2,000.	3,000.
97. Administration	500.	500.
Total	2,500.	3,500.
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:		
98. Relief	51,722.	55,000.
99. Administration	2,600.	2,700.
Total	54,322.	57,700.
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:		
100. Relief	6,000.	10,000.
101. Administration	1,000.	1,100.
Total	7,000.	11,100.
Total Charities	90,186. (7.3%)	97,000. (6.2%)

	1954 Expended	1955 Recom- mended
VIII. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:		
102. Salaries	10,393.	14,100.
103. New Transit	613.	
104. All Other	981.	1,075.
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Total	11,987. (1.0%)	15,175. (1.0%)
IX. BUILDING DEPARTMENT:		
105. Salary	1,192.	3,800.
105. All Other	608.	1,100.
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Total	1,800.	4,900.
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:		
107. Labor	3,201.	2,400.
108. All Other	103.	125.
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Total	3,304.	2,525.
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR:		
109. Salary	1,000.	1,500.
110. All Other	269.	400.
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Total	1,269.	1,900.
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Total Building Inspectors	6,373. (0.5%)	9,325. (0.6%)
X. VETERANS:		
111. Salaries	3,464.	3,464.
112. Clerical		400.
113. Benefits	7,560.	8,000.
114. All Other	406.	400.
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Total Veterans	11,430. (1.0%)	12,264. (0.8%)
XI. LIBRARIES:		
115. Salaries — 3 Librarians	750.	900.
116. Fuel & Light	348.	300.
117. All Other	122.	150.
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Total Libraries	1,220. (0.1%)	1,350. (0.1%)

	1954 Expended	1955 Recom- mended
XII. PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:		
118. Salaries	3,434.	3,900.
119. Equipment and all other	2,527.	2,707.
	5,961.	6,607.
Total Parks & Playground	(0.5%)	(0.4%)
XIII. MISCELLANEOUS:		
120. Cemetery Maintenance	800.	800.
121. Veterans' Graves	216.	216.
122. Rebuilding Maple Gr. Cemetery	200.	
123. Rebuilding So. Westfield St. Cemetery		200.
124. Annuities	600.	600.
125. Bond Debt Principal	40,000.	145,000.
126. Bond Debt Interest	34,395.	56,099.
127. Street Lighting	26,117.	33,000.
128. Board of Appeals	246.	650.
129. Planning Board Expense	155.	400.
130. Finance Board Expense	210.	200.
131. Unclassified	2,101.	2,500.
	105,038.	239,665.
Total Miscellaneous	(8.5%)	(15.4%)
GRAND TOTAL	1,239,814.	1,552,487.
	(100%)	(100%)

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for School Traffic Officers. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. Recommend that the sum of \$4585. be raised and appropriated for School Traffic Officers.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money toward the purchase of three new cruisers for the use of the Police Department, and to authorize the Police Commissioners to trade in two cruisers to make up the balance of the purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. Recommend that the sum of \$3500. be raised and appropriated toward the purchase of three new cruisers for the use of the Police Department and to authorize the Police Commissioners to trade in two cruisers to make up the balance of the purchase price.

Article 18. To hear and act upon the report of the Public Works Survey Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To hear and act upon the report of the Centennial Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the payment of bills for previous years not previously submitted. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. Recommend that the sum of \$264.07 be raised and appropriated for the payment of bills for previous years.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for Chapter 90 Construction, a portion of which will be spent on Cooper Street, with the understanding that the Town will be reimbursed \$20,000.00 by the State, and \$10,000.00 by the County. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21. Recommend that the sum of \$40,000. be raised and appropriated for Chapter 90 Construction.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance work, \$2,000.00 of which will be reimbursed to the Town by the State, and \$2,000.00 of which will be reimbursed to the Town by the County. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. Recommend that the sum of \$6,000. be raised and appropriated for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building a parking lot in the Center on the West side of Main Street adjacent to the Center Post Office. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. Recommend to pass over.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building a parking lot in the Center on the East side of Main Street between School and Monroe Streets. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 24. Recommend that the sum of \$6,000. be raised and appropriated for the purpose of building a parking lot in the Center on the East side of Main Street between School and Monroe Streets.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Centennial Committee for the financing of the Centennial Celebration. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25. Recommend to pass over.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to change the zoning of the following described parcel of land from Business A to Industrial:

Beginning at a point 230 feet Northerly of the intersection of the Westerly line of Main Street with the Massachusetts-Connecticut State line and running thence Northerly along the Westerly line of Main Street about 850 feet to the Southerly line of the present Business B. zone; thence Westerly along the Southerly line of said zone 200 feet; thence Southerly in a line parallel with and 200 feet distant from the Westerly line of Main Street about 850 feet to a point 230 feet Northerly of the Massachusetts-Connecticut State line; thence Easterly 200 feet to the point of beginning. Said area includes portion of property owned by Dal Brothers Realty Corp. and a portion of property now or formerly owned by Daniel J. Shoemaker.

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a sand spreader for the Highway Department. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 27. Recommend the sum of \$2,100. be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a sand spreader for the Highway Department.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase two new trucks for the Highway Department, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in two trucks to make up the balance of the purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 28. Recommend that the sum of \$8,400. be raised and appropriated for the purchase of two new trucks for the Highway Department and to authorize the

Board of Selectmen to trade in two trucks to make up the balance of the purchase price.

Article 29. To hear and act upon the report of the Building Code Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 30. To hear and act upon the report of the Feeding Hills Fire Station Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a car for the Town Nurse, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in the 1949 Chevrolet to make up the balance of the purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 31. Recommend that the sum of \$1,800. be raised and appropriated to purchase a car for the Town Nurse and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in the 1949 Chevrolet to make up the balance of the purchase price.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a pick-up truck to be used in the collection of garbage. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 32. Recommend that the sum of \$2,000. be raised and appropriated to purchase a truck to be used in the collection of garbage.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a car to be used by the Health Agent. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 33. Recommend to pass over.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900.00 for the purchase of a 1/2 ton pick-up truck with a special body for meter equipment for the Water Department, and to authorize the Water Commissioners to trade in the 1950 Ford truck to make up the balance of the purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 34. Recommend that the sum of \$1,900. be raised and appropriated for the purchase of 1/2 ton pick-up truck with special body for Water Department and to

authorize the water commissioners to trade in 1950 Ford truck to make up balance of purchase price.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Cooper Street, beginning at Suffield Street and running northerly to the end of the existing sewer. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 35. Recommend that the sum of \$9,800. be raised and appropriated for construction of sanitary sewer on Cooper St., northerly from Suffield St., and said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on North Westfield Street, beginning at the end of the existing sewer and extending northerly to a point approximately 500 feet north of North Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 36. Recommend that the sum of \$18,500. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a sanitary sewer on North Westfield Street, said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Silver Street, beginning at the end of the existing sewer and extending to Garden Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 37. Recommend to pass over.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Mill Street, beginning at Suffield Street and running westerly to Silver Lake Drive. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 38. Recommend that the sum of \$5,400. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Mill Street, westerly from Suffield St., said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary

sewer on South Street, beginning at Main Street and extending approximately 1000 feet westerly. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 39. Recommend that the sum of \$15,000. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a sanitary sewer on South Street, said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Line Street, beginning at Mill Street and running northerly to the Springfield Water Works crossing. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 40. Recommend that the sum of \$21,800. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Line Street, northerly from Mill St., said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Homer Street, beginning at Gale Street and extending to North Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 41. Recommend that the sum of \$3,600. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Homer Street, said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Liberty Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 42. Recommend that the sum of \$10,000. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Liberty Street, said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Fairview Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 43. Recommend to pass over.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Federal Street Extension. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 44. Recommend to pass over.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Senator Avenue from the end of the existing sewer southerly to Cooper Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 45. Recommend to pass over.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Ralph and Park Streets. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 46. Recommend that the sum of \$2,300. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Ralph and Park Streets, said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storm sewer on Senator Avenue from the end of the existing sewer southerly to Cooper Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 47. Recommend to pass over.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storm sewer on Letendre Avenue, beginning at the end of the existing sewer and extending to North Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 48. Recommend that the sum of \$8,250. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a storm sewer on Letendre Ave., said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storm sewer on Homer Street, beginning at the end of the existing sewer and extending to North Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 49. Recommend that the sum of \$10,500. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a storm sewer on Homer Street, said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to accept an easement granted to the Town of Agawam on Prince Lane for purposes of constructing and maintaining a storm sewer. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storm sewer on Colonial Avenue, beginning at Washington Street and running northerly to Prince Lane. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 51. Recommend that the sum of \$4,600. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a storm sewer on Colonial Ave., said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storm sewer on Samuel Street and on Valentine Street for a distance of approximately 170 feet westerly of Samuel Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 52. Recommend that the sum of \$4,300 be raised and appropriated for the construction of a storm sewer on Samuel and Valentine Streets, said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storm sewer on Mill Street between Kensington Street and Giffin Place. Said construction to be done under the betterment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 53. Recommend that the sum of \$2,650. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a storm

sewer on Mill Street between Kensington and Giffin Place, said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storm sewer on Mill Street between Kensington and Highland Streets, and approximately 600 feet on Highland Street. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 54. Recommend to pass over.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to accept an easement between Royal and Randall Streets for purposes of constructing and maintaining a storm sewer. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to accept an easement off Franklin Street for purposes of constructing and maintaining a storm drain. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with one Louis DePalma whereby the Town will accept an easement over the property of said DePalma to enable the Town to connect to a storm drain now existing on said property. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the development of the play area at the Danahy School by providing a fence to enclose the area, a hard top surface and loam and seed as required. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 58. Recommend that the sum of \$7,000. be raised and appropriated for the development of a play area at Danahy School.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of seven (7) to be known as the "Elementary School Building Committee," said committee to consist of two (2) members of the School Committee; one (1) member of the Finance Committee; one (1) Selectman; one (1) member of the Planning Board and (2) citizens to be chosen from the area to be served by such new school, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the purpose of procuring preliminary drawings and make test borings and other engineering data as may be required. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 59. Recommend that the sum of \$3,500. be raised and appropriated to be used by the Elementary School Building Committee for the purpose of procuring preliminary drawings and to make test borings and other engineering data as may be required.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature in substantially the following form:

An act authorizing the Town of Agawam to borrow money for School purposes.

Section 1. For the purpose of acquiring land and constructing and originally equipping and furnishing new school buildings, and for the purpose of constructing additions to existing school buildings and originally equipping and furnishing the same, the Town of Agawam may borrow, from time to time, over a period of five (5) years from the passage of this act such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding the aggregate of six-hundred thousand dollars and may issue bonds or notes therefore which shall bear on their face the words Agawam Elementary School Building Loan, Act of 1955. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and such loans shall be paid in not more than twenty (20) years from their dates. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the statutory limit but shall except as herein provided, be subject to chapter forty-four of the General Laws, exclusive of the limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by striking out, sub-section F, of Section 4, which is Residence A-1, and inserting in place thereof the following new sentence: — "No lot shall have a frontage of less than One Hundred Ten (110) feet on a street or an area of less than Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred (13,500) square feet." Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by striking out, sub-section F, of Section 5, which is Residence A-2, and inserting in place thereof the following new sentence: — "No lot shall have a frontage of less than Ninety (90) feet on a street or an area of less than Eleven Thousand (11,000) square feet." Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6, which is Residence B, of the Zoning By-law by inserting therein the following new sub-section G: — “No lot shall have a frontage of less than Eighty(80) feet on a street or an area of less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred (9,600) square feet.” Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by striking out sub-section G of Section 7, which is Agricultural, and inserting in place thereof the following new section: — “No lot shall be used for residential purpose with a frontage of less than One Hundred Ten (110) feet on a street or an area of less than Fifteen Thousand (15,000) square feet unless such lot was on file with the Registry of Deeds for Hampden County prior to the date of the adoption of this by-law.” Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to accept the extension of Spencer Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to accept Bessbrook Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to accept Homer Street between Gale Street and North Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to accept Orchard Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to accept Barney Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to accept Norris Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street.

Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Walnut Street Extension, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street.

Article 72. To see if the Town will vote to accept Rhodes Avenue, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street.

Article 73. To hear and act upon the report of the

Town By-Laws Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 74. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee for Streamlining of the Town Report. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a bituminous concrete sidewalk on the easterly side of Line Street, between Mill and Springfield Streets. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 75. Recommend that the sum of \$7,100. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a bituminous concrete sidewalk on the easterly side of Line Street, said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 76. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a cement concrete sidewalk and cement concrete curb on the southerly side of Springfield Street, beginning at the Granger School driveway, and running approximately 285 feet easterly. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 76. Recommend that the sum of \$2,300. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a cement sidewalk and curb on the Southerly side of Springfield Street beginning at the Granger School driveway and running Easterly 285 feet, said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 77. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a bituminous concrete sidewalk on the westerly side of Franklin Street, beginning at Springfield Street and running southerly approximately 340 feet. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 77. Recommend that the sum of \$725. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a bituminous concrete sidewalk on the Westerly side of Franklin Street.

Article 78. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sidewalk and curbing on River Street between Bridge Street and King Avenue on the northerly side. Said construction to be done

under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 78. Recommend that the sum of \$1,200. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a sidewalk and curbing on River Street, between Bridge and King Sts., said construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 79. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of curbing and widening of Maple Street between Bridge and Moore Streets. Said construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 79. Recommend to pass over.

Article 80. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the reconstruction of North Street between North Westfield and West Streets. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 80. Recommend that the sum of \$8,000. be raised and appropriated for the reconstruction of North Street, between West and North Westfield Sts.

Article 81. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storm sewer and highway reconstruction on Leonard Street, beginning at the end of the present construction and extending to River Road. Said storm sewer construction to be done under the betterment assessment act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 81. Recommend that the sum of \$22,000. be raised and appropriated for the construction of a storm sewer and highway reconstruction on Leonard Street, said storm sewer construction to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 82. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the need of headquarters for the Fire and Police Departments, also Civilian Defense, to report not later than the next Annual Town Meeting. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 83. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$933.16 from the North and South Westfield Pipe

Account to be used for drainage purposes throughout the Town. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 83. Recommend that this article be adopted.

Article 84. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00, and to transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$3,000.00, to complete payments on the Street Sweeper purchased for the Highway Department. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 84. Recommend that the sum of \$750. be raised and appropriated and the sum of \$3,000. be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund to complete payments on Street Sweeper.

Article 85. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 to pay a judgment received by Pasquale and Carmella Spinetti for taking of an easement through their property for storm drainage purposes and incidental court expense connected therewith. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 85. Recommend that the sum of \$1,800. be raised and appropriated to pay a judgement received by Pasquale and Carmella Spinetti for taking of an easement through their property.

Article 86. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of traffic lights at O'Brien's Corner. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 86. Recommend that the sum of \$7,000. be raised and appropriated for installation of traffic lights at O'Brien's Corner.

Article 87. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Springfield and Walnut Streets. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 87. Recommend that the sum of \$5,000. be raised and appropriated for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Springfield and Walnut Streets.

Article 88. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be given to the Safety Council of Western Massachusetts to be used in the School Safety Program. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 88. Recommend that the sum of \$152. be raised and appropriated, said sum to be given to the Safety Council of Western Mass. to be used in the school safety program.

Article 89. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to study further the need for a Community Swimming Pool, and present to the Town at a future Town Meeting possible location and cost. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 90. To hear and act upon the report of the Business Development Commission. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 91. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement from Louis and Angela Cincotta for purposes of cleaning and maintaining a drain on Springfield Street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 92. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1952 which inserts in Chapter 41 of the General Laws the following new section:

“Section 111G. In any city or town in which the provisions of section one hundred and eleven apply and which accepts this section, in the manner hereinafter provided, any employee thereof who has worked continuously for five years but less than ten years shall be granted an annual vacation of three weeks without loss of pay, and any employee thereof who has worked continuously for ten years or more shall be granted an annual vacation of four weeks without loss of pay. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of said section one hundred and eleven shall continue to apply in such city or town. This section shall become effective in a city having a Plan E charter by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the city council, and, in the case of other cities by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter, and in a town by a majority vote at an annual town meeting.”

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 93. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 297 of the Acts of 1954 if and when the said Chapter is amended by a special act of the 1955 legislature. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 94. To hear and act upon the report of the committee set up to consider group life insurance for Town Employees. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 95. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the partial payment of a group life insurance policy, or policies, for the employees of the Town, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, Ter. Ed., Section 44. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 95. Recommend to pass over until a later meeting so that the report can be properly discussed and considered.

Article 96. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a dwelling house at 387 Adams Street which was acquired by the Town on July 9, 1952 from Ernest H. Copson subject to a mortgage held by the West Springfield Co-operative Bank; said property having been acquired as a lien for aid granted to the said Copson; the selling price to be at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 97. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to execute a deed to Cleonise Consolati for property located on Ottawa Street sold by the Former Town Treasurer Henry E. Bodurtha for which no deed was ever given and which was taken by the Town as a tax title possession prior to 1944. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 98. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-laws:

Hawkers and Pedlars —

Section 1. No person not already duly licensed under the laws of the Commonwealth shall go from place to place in the Town selling or bartering or carrying or exposing for sale or barter any fish, or fruits or vegetables in or from any cart, wagon or other vehicle, or in any other manner, without a license therefor from the Board of Selectmen; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any person who sells only fruits or vegetables raised or produced by himself or his family or fish which is lawfully obtained by his own labor or the labor of his family.

Section 2. Any licensee who fails, neglects, or refuses to exhibit his license when the same is demanded of him by a Selectman, Commissioner, Inspector, Sealer of Weights and

Measures, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Constable or Police Officer, shall be subject to the same penalty as if had no license.

Section 3. No person shall, except in accordance with a written permit from the Board of Selectmen and except as provided in Section 17 of Chapter 101 of the General Laws, in any street or from any point immediately adjacent to a sidewalk, sell or offer for sale any goods or articles to any person on any sidewalk of the Town.

Section 4. No person shall place or keep any table, stall, booth, cart or other structure in any public way or other public place in the Town or upon any sidewalk, for the sale of food, fruit, merchandise or other thing, without permission first being obtained from the Board of Selectmen.

Section 5. Whoever violates any provision of this by-law shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each and every violation thereof. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 99. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law:

“Prohibition of certain unreasonable loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise.” —

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided herein the creation of any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise in the Town is prohibited.

Section 2. The following acts, among others, are declared to be unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this Section but said enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(a) Motor Vehicles.

The sounding of any horn or signal devise on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, or other vehicles while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or if in motion only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal devise of any unreasonable loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unreasonably and unnecessary period of time.

(b) Radios, phonographs or musical instruments.

The playing of any radio, phonograph or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. as to annoy

or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any dwelling, or other type of residence.

(c) Churches, schools.

The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any church, school, or other institution of learning, while the same is in session which unreasonably interferes with their use.

(d) Pedlars and hawkers.

The shouting and crying of pedlars, hawkers and vendors which disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

(e) Use of drums, loud-speakers in sale or display.

The use of any drum, loud-speaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise for sale or display of merchandise.

(f) Whoever violates any provision of this by-law shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each and every violation thereof.

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 100. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum not exceeding \$159,000.00 from Available Funds for the reduction of the amount to be raised by taxation during the current year. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 100. Recommend that the Assessors be authorized to use the sum of \$159,000. from available funds for the reduction of the amount to be raised by taxation during the current year.

Article 101. To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one in each of the said Post Offices in said Town and one in the Riverview Market in North Agawam, fourteen days at least before the day of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of February, 1955.

FREDERICK C. EMERSON
WILLIAM E. VIGNEAUX
ANDREW C. GALLANO

Board of Selectmen

I hereby certify that I have posted the above warrant
this 18th day of February 1955.

JASPER P. DeFORGE
Constable

